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REMARKS

1. Between 15 and 21 March 1954, the barracks installation Straus See (lake) (4804) near Strausberg was occupied by a guard detail of about 100 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. The installation also served as quarters for soldiers who picked up spare parts and other military goods at the air force depot. Two to 3 EM with medical insignia frequently picked up boxes and parcels at the depot and departed 1 or 2 days later after having dispatched the parcels by rail. A gun of about 120 to 150 mm was almost daily towed to the gravel pit in the hills near Herrensee. After about 25 minutes, two reports were heard from there and after another 30 minutes, the gun returned to the installation. The gun was always escorted by 6 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. 25X1

2. On 5, 6 and 7 June, about 100 young soldiers with carbines arrived in Strausberg each day aboard the regular passenger train from the direction of Frankfurt/Oder. The soldiers were picked up by trucks. They presumably went to the barracks installation on Straus See.

Comment. According to the present information, the barracks installation on Straus See, after termination of the NCO courses, was used as quarters for small details attached to the air force depot. The detail of about 100 soldiers may have been training personnel for new NCO courses.

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